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STATE OF MONTANA,		) Cause No. DC-19-349
	Plaintiff,	Lewis & Clark County District Court
-vs-	1	) Montana First Judicial District
ZANE RICHARD FRISBIE,		DECISION
	Defendant.	) )

On May 22, 2020, the Defendant was sentenced to the Montana State Prison for sixty (60) years for the offense of Count I: Aggravated Sexual Intercourse Without Consent, a Felony, in violation of §45-5-508, MCA. The Defendant was given credit for time served prior to sentencing from the date of his arrest on July 13, 2019 up and to and including his sentencing on May 22, 2020.

On February 4, 2021, the Defendant's Application for review of that sentence came on for hearing by Zoom videoconference before the Sentence Review Division of the Montana Supreme Court (hereafter "the Division"). The Defendant appeared from the Crossroads Correctional Center and was represented by Dan Biddulph, Defense Counsel. The State was not represented. The Defendant did not give a statement.

Before hearing the Application, the Defendant was advised that the Division has the authority not only to reduce the sentence or affirm it, but also increase it. The Defendant was further advised that there is no appeal from a decision of the Division. The Defendant acknowledged that he understood this and stated that he wished to proceed.

Rule 12, Rules of the Sentence Review Division of the Supreme Court of Montana, provides that, "The sentence imposed by the District Court is presumed correct. The sentence shall not be reduced or increased unless it is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive." (Section 46-18-904(3), MCA).

The Division finds that the reasons advanced for modification are insufficient to hold that the sentence imposed by the District Court is clearly inadequate or clearly excessive.

Therefore, it is the unanimous decision of the Division that the sentence is AFFIRMED.

DATED this 8th day of February, 2021.

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